1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Saharanpur to Moradabad which was frozen earlier has since been defrozen in Nov. 1998 and is targeted for completion by March, 2003.
3.	Khurja-Hapur-Meerut City-Saharanpur	NR	89.21	0.00	0.00	The work has been pended for the present due to lower operational priority and constraints of funds.
4.	Kanpur-Lucknow	NR	58.07	55.83	2.25	Works completed and residual jobs are in hand.
5.	Mughalsarai-Zafrabad as Phase-I of Lucknow-Mughal Sarai	NR	49.96	0.15	4.00	Work will commence after obtaining necessary clearances.
6.	Circular Railway around Lucknow area	NR/ NER	24.23	1.00	22.39	Work is targeted for completion by March 2002.

Rail Yatri Niwases in UP

†2856. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the present numbers of functional Railway Guest Houses/Yatri Niwases in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to construct more Yatri Niwases there to encourage tourism there; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There is only one Rail Yatri Niwas in Gorakhpur functioning at the present in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of stations of tourist interest on Indian Railways have been identified for the construction of Budget Hotel and Rail Yatri Niwases including Lucknow, Varanasi, Allahabad, Balarampur, Gorakhpur, Agra, Jhansi and Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, which will be taken by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation through private participation.

Operational the Railway Safety Fund

2857. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rs.17,000 crore Railway Safety Fund has not become operational even after six weeks of its grant clearance at the Prime Minister's level;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether a major portion of this grant was to be borne by the Finance Ministry and the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to the Railways for making this Fund operational soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O.P. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) With a view to wipe out the arrears of replacements and renewals on the railways in a fixed time schedule, the Government has decided to set up a non-lapsable Special Railway Safety Fund of Rs.17,000 crores. In the current financial year, this Fund is to be financed to the extent of Rs.1,400 crores. Of this, Rs.1,000 crores are being made available by Ministry of Finance and the balance Rs.400 crores are expected through the levy of a Safety Surcharge on passenger fare with effect